Orders received by TAFCO

3883. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of orders received by the Tannery and Footwear Corporation of India Limited from the armed forces during last three years ending on 30th April, 1997 for supply of boots etc.;

(b) the extent to which the company has utilised its installed capacity exclusively set out for armed forces' requirements;

(c) the constraints being faced by the company in the matter of cash-flow, arrears of electricity, water charges and other municipal dues;

(d) whether this company had become sick due to want of orders from the above forces and due to non-implementation of Government/ Cabinet decision taken since 1969 and thereafter;

(e) whether any effort is now being made to revive the units; and

(f) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) During the last three financial years, Tannery & Footwear Corporation of India Ltd. (TAFCO) did not receive any orders from the Armed Forces for supply of boots etc. and therefore, the dedicated production capacity could not be utilised.

(c) to (f) In the absence of internal generation of funds, the company has been facing liquidity problems resulting in non-payment of various dues such as electricity, water, municipal dues etc. and the company has become sick.

BIFR had considered various options for revival of TAFCO. BIFR's final recommendations are now pending before the Allahabad High Court.

Instruction by DPE to fill Vacant Posts

3884. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Department of Public Enterprises under the Ministry have issued guidelines to act Ministries/Departments impressing upon them that all the temporary vacancies of Chairman-cum-Managing Directors in Public Enterprises be filled up by giving an acting charge to the senior most functional Director of the Board; and

(b) if so, whether these guidelines have not been followed by the Power Grid Corporation of India Limited and if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The officiating charge of the post of CMD, POWER GRID was given to the second senior most functional Director in the Corporation w.e.f. 1.11.96 as the Central Vigilance Commission had not earlier given vigilance clearance in respect of the senior most functional Director in the Corporation for his appointment as its CMD.

Inclusion of Krishnapatnam industrial port city for German assistance

3885. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD :
DR. MOHAN BABU :

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh has requested for inclusion of Krishnapatnam industrial port city project for assistance from Germany;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Since the project does not fit in with the priority of the German Government it is not being considered under official development assistance from Germany.

Setting up of industries in Bihar

3886. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that despite having the industrial raw material in abundance entrepreneurs are scared of setting up their industries in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any studies to find out the reasons therefor;

(c) what were the findings of the studies;